

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Applicant has amended claim 14 to eliminate a minor typographical error. Accordingly, claims 1-18 remain pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the indicated allowability of claims 1-13, and the indication that claim 14 defines patentable subject matter and would be allowed if the typographical error was corrected.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims 1-18 are now in condition for allowance.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner maintains his objection to the specification in that it does not include recommended section headings. Applicant again respectfully notes that section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC § 111(a), but per 37 CFR § 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for applicant's use. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no statutory basis for the Examiner to insist upon the use of any section headings. Indeed, Applicant submits that the U.S.P.T.O. has issued - and continues to issue - patents without any section headings.

Nevertheless, in a conciliatory gesture to advance prosecution of this application to allowance, Applicant hereby amends the specification to add section headings for this particular application.

Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-18 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D.


Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (703) 715-0870 to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment (except for the issue fee) to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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